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TO AMEMBASSY MEXICO

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E.O. 11652: N/A

TAGS: SNAR

SUBJECT: "COMPASS TRIP" - PROPOSED BRIEFING/PLANNING

TEAM VISIT

1. DEA AND NASA WOULD LIKE TO SEND A SMALL (PROBABLY FIVE MAN) TEAM TO MEXICO ASAP TO BRIEF EMBASSY AND MEXICAN ATTORNEY GENERAL MORE FULLY ON "COMPASS TRIP" AND TO BEGIN DETAILED PLANNING FOR IMPLEMENTATION OF FIELD TESTING PHASE. MANY PREPARATORY ACTIONS MUST GET UNDERWAY AS SOON AS POSSIBLE IF FIELD TEST IS TO BE INITIATED BY DESIRED START-UP DATE OF JANUARY 15.

2. EMBASSY REQUESTED TO ASCERTAIN WHETHER ATTORNEY GENERAL IS DISPOSED TO RECEIVE BRIEFING VISIT, AS NECESSARY PRELIMINARY TO DECISION ON, AND JOINT PLANNING FOR, OPERATIONAL TEST TO BE CARRIED OUT IN JAN-MAR TIME FRAME. IF SO, EMBASSY SHOULD INFORM DEPARTMENT DATES ATTORNEY GENERAL PREFERS FOR TWO DAY BRIEFING (HOPEFULLY LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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WITHIN NEXT TWO WEEKS). FIRST HALF DAY WOULD BE USED

TO DISCUSS PROPOSAL WITH EMBASSY IN DETAIL AND DECIDE ON SUBSTANCE AND TACTICS OF PRESENTATION TO ATTORNEY GENERAL. DEA/NASA TEAM WOULD LIKE TO HAVE ATTORNEY GENERAL DESIGNATE A SENIOR OFFICIAL AS GOM CONTROL OFFICER WHO WOULD PARTICIPATE BOTH IN INITIAL BRIEFING AND IN PLANNING DURING NEXT TWO MONTHS.

3. SHOULD AGREEMENT BE REACHED WITH ATTORNEY GENERAL TO PROCEED ALONG THESE LINES, DEA/NASA WOULD LIKE TO HAVE MEXICAN PLANNING TEAM INCLUDE VARIOUS SPECIALISTS AS INDICATED IN SUBPARAS BELOW. IT WOULD BE HELPFUL FOR U.S. TEAM TO HOLD INITIAL DISCUSSION WITH MEXICAN TEAM ON SAME TRIP, FOLLOWING TALKS WITH EMBASSY AND ATTORNEY GENERAL.

A. A SENIOR OFFICIAL FROM THE ATTORNEY GENERAL'S OFFICE WHO CAN KEEP ATTORNEY GENERAL INFORMED AND SEEK HIS AGREEMENT AS NEEDED AS PROJECT IS IMPLEMENTED.

B. A JUSTICE DEPARTMENT AGENT WHO HAS WORKED IN CULIACAN AREA AND IS FAMILIAR WITH LAW ENFORCEMENT PRACTICES IN AREA.

C. A FORESTER WHO IS KNOWLEDGEABLE ABOUT TREES IN 8,000 FOOT ELEVATIONS OF WESTERN SLOPES OF SIERRA MADRE OCCIDENTAL IN STATE OF SINALOA.

D. A AGRONOMIST FAMILIAR WITH CROPS GROWN IN SINALOA AND HOW THE CROPS ARE PLANTED AND HARVESTED (IDEALLY HE SHOULD BE FAMILIAR WITH BOTH AGRICULTURAL STATION AND SMALL FARM PRACTICES).

E. A BOTANIST TO DISCUSS NATURAL VEGETATION IN THE AREA.

F. A CARTOGRAPHER FAMILIAR WITH RECENT MAP MAKING AND AERIAL PHOTOGRAPHIC ACTIVITIES IN MEXICO.

G. A PILOT EXPERIENCED IN FLYING IN STATE OF SINALOA AND FAMILIAR WITH AIRPORT FACILITIES.

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H. ONE OR TWO OFFICIALS FROM THE MEXICAN SPACE COMMISSION WHO ARE FAMILIAR WITH MEXICAN REMOTE SENSING AIRCRAFT AND REMOTE SENSING TECHNIQUES. KISSINGER

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